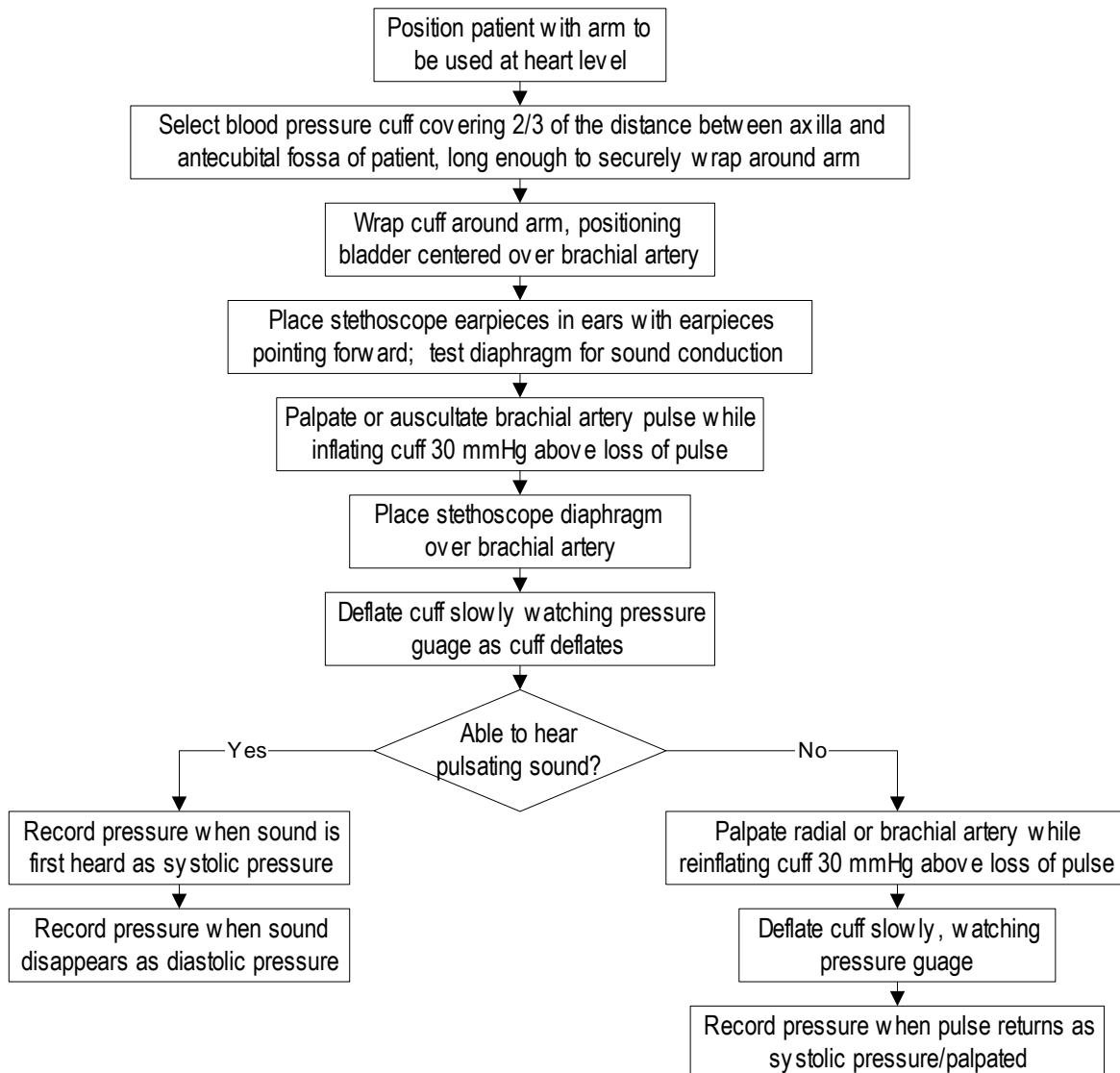


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**MILWAUKEE COUNTY EMS
PRACTICAL SKILL
BLOOD PRESSURE
MEASUREMENT**

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Purpose:		Indications:	
To measure and monitor the systolic and diastolic blood pressure		All patients	
Advantages:	Disadvantages:	Complications:	Contraindications:
Multiple readings enable monitoring of patient's hemodynamic stability	Improperly sized cuff may give false reading	None	None



NOTES:

- A blood pressure cuff covering more than 2/3 of the upper arm will give a false low reading. A blood pressure cuff covering less than 2/3 will give a false high reading.
- Blood pressures should be auscultated whenever possible. The palpation method should only be used when environmental noise or conditions make it difficult to hear through the stethoscope.